

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	
Molz IV, et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 7729
	§	
Serial No.: 10/733,554	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: December 10, 2003	§	Examiner: J. Swiger III
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	§	
REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET	§	
JOINTS	§	

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees, are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.